### REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE – 13 SEPTEMBER 2022

PORTFOLIO: LEADER/DEPUTY LEADER

REPORT FROM: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, RESOURCES (SECTION

151 OFFICER)

SUBJECT: QUARTER 1 2022/23 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT

#### 1 DECISION BEING RECOMMENDED

1.1 To note the Quarter 1 2022/23 revenue budget and capital position set out in sections 3 and 4 below and detailed in Appendices 1 to 4.

### 2 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to set out the forecast revenue and capital budget positions as at end of Quarter 1 2022/23.
- 2.2 The commentary does not attempt to cover all budgetary changes but draws attention to the key factors affecting net expenditure for that service area.
- 2.3 Allocations from the general balance for supplementary estimates (endorsed unplanned expenditure) or proposals to return underspends to the general balance will be recommended for approval by the Section 151 Officer, where appropriate.

### 3 OVERALL FINANCIAL POSITION

3.1 The latest revenue budget for 2022/23 is £12.114m, which is an increase of £1.679m compared to the original budget of £10.435m. The changes to the original budget are due to drawdowns from reserves which are detailed in Appendix 1. The forecast outturn for general fund expenditure as at Q1 is £12.481m, which is an overspend of £0.367m.

## Inflation and Cost of Living Pressures

3.2 The forecasts within this report include an estimate of increased pay inflation in 2022/23, (which is yet to be confirmed), and other known cost pressures where available; however, it should be noted that there are further financial risks arising from the current high rates of inflation which cannot be quantified with accuracy at this stage but are likely to have a further knock on impact on the Council's cost of services over the course of 2022/23 and beyond. The Local Government Association has issued a warning that 'soaring inflation, energy prices and National Living Wage pressures are putting council services at risk.' Whilst the Council is not currently anticipating the need to reduce services in-year, the financial position will have to be closely

monitored over the course of 2022/23 and will make budget setting for 2023/24 and beyond even more challenging than normal.

## #OneTeam Strategic Partnership

- 3.3 A #OneTeam Strategic Partnership was agreed at a meeting of Extraordinary Council on 25 January 2022 and led to a Joint Chief Executive/Head of Paid Service being appointed across Rochford District Council and Brentwood Borough Council with effect from 1 February 2022. A joint savings ambition for the Partnership has been estimated at £595,000- £853,000 by 2025/26; however, the apportionment of these savings between the councils will need to be agreed following further review of the respective current structures and so have not yet been included within the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy.
- 3.4 The first activity for the #OneTeam Transformation Programme has been the review of the senior leadership structure at Tier 2 (Strategic Director) and Tier 3 (Assistant Director/Corporate Director) levels. Appointments for new Tier 3 Director roles were made by the Chief Officer Appointments Committee on 16 June, with vacancies arising for five of the nine new roles effective from 1 August 2022. The vacant roles are being recruited to in the autumn of 2022 and interim arrangements will be put in place to ensure that the Council continues to deliver services effectively during this transition period.
- 3.5 The financial position therefore does not yet fully reflect the cost impact of changes agreed under the #OneTeam Strategic Partnership programme which are still subject to change, pending agreement of final arrangements and recruitment to vacant posts.

### COVID-19 Impacts

3.6 Additional central government financial support for COVID related pressures has now ended; however, the residual impact on areas such as car parking income continues to be closely monitored against the 2022/23 budget.

### Mitigating Actions to Manage the Budget

- 3.7 Portfolio Holders, supported by Directors, are accountable for any budget variations within their services and the associated responsibility to ensure expenditure and income are managed within agreed budgets. To make sure that this is successfully achieved, it is essential that Directors identify any significant emerging variances, develop action plans (endorsed by Portfolio Holders) to address these, and review them throughout the financial year, so that overall expenditure is contained within the available budget.
- 3.8 A breakdown of the revenue position by portfolio is set out in Appendix 2 and summarised in the table below.

Portfolio	2022/23 Original Budget	2022/23 Latest budget	Quarter 1 Actual YTD	End of Year Forecast	Actual Variance (surplus) / Deficit)	Of which: Salary Variance	Of which: Non Salary Variance
Leader/ Deputy Leader	2,969	3,838	576	3,722	(116)	94	(210)
Climate & Economy	82	81	16	82	0	0	0
Housing, Assets & Leisure	1,833	1,953	4	2,069	116	(19)	135
Strategic Planning	(442)	(320)	137	(259)	61	(23)	84
Environment	3,131	3,486	491	3,346	(140)	(38)	(102)
Customer Services, Legal & IT	2,750	2,771	841	2,616	(155)	(89)	(67)
Communities & Health	543	601	131	560	(41)	(34)	(7)
Total Portfolio Specific Net Expenditure	10,866	12,410	2,195	12,135	(274)	(109)	(165)
Cost of Living Increase (1)		134		386	252	252	-
Vacancy Factor (2)	(200)	(200)		-	200	200	-
Insurance Contract (3)	-	-		25	25	-	25
Housing Benefit Payments (4)	(230)	(230)		(65)	165	-	165
Total Non Portfolio Specific Expenditure	(430)	(296)	0	346	642	452	190
Total Cost of Services	10,436	12,114	2,195	12,481	367	343	25
Funded by:							
Use of Earmarked Reserves	(707)	(2,385)		(2,346)	40		40
Retained Business Rates	(2,442)	(2,442)		(2,481)	(40)		(40)
Collection Fund Surplus Deficit	1,609	1,609		1,609	0		-
Central Government Grants	(859)	(859)		(859)	0		-
Council Tax Precept	(8,019)	(8,019)		(8,019)	0		-
Total Funding	(10,417)	(12,096)		(12,096)	0	0	0
Contribution (to) from General Fund	19	18		386	367	343	25

## **Corporate Adjustments**

## (1) Cost of Living Increase

The Council budgeted for a 2% cost of living increase in 2022/23. At the end of Quarter 1 the pay award is still to be agreed, therefore this increase has been removed from individual portfolio budget lines and is shown as a corporate adjustment instead. Based on the pay offer made to date a minimum additional pressure of £0.252m is anticipated; once the final pay award is agreed this will be updated and shown against the individual portfolio lines.

### (2) Vacancy Factor

The Council budgeted for a vacancy factor saving of £200,000 across all portfolios due to natural turnover of staff during the financial year. The actual projected salary savings are shown within each portfolio line, totalling £108,800 across the Council, before the application of any pay award.

### (3) Insurance Contract

There have been inflationary increases of c£25,000 on the Council's insurance contracts. These budgets are held corporately and recharged to individual portfolio lines at year end.

## (4) Housing Benefit Payments

Housing Benefits payments are an uncontrollable budget for the Council; the cost is largely covered by Housing Benefit Subsidy from DWP, but some elements are funded by the Council. An estimate of the total net spend is made by the Council in advance of each financial year, but the budget is volatile due to the large volume of claims and frequent changes in individual circumstances. This is therefore reported corporately.

### **Portfolio Variances**

### **Salary Variances**

3.9 Overall, there are Council-wide projected salary savings of £108,800 against a budgeted vacancy factor of £200,000, giving rise to a £91,200 adverse variance, *before* the estimated cost of living increase of £252,000 is applied (see note 1 above). This is due to vacancies across several service areas, including the Communications team (£23,900), Customer Services (£31,800), Environmental Health (£25,600), Parks and Opens Spaces (£35,400) and Estates (£19,600), plus smaller variances across other service areas, offset by transitional costs associated with the implementation of the new Corporate Leadership Team structure. The salary savings by portfolio are split out in the table above.

## **Non-Salary Variances**

3.10 In addition to the salaries the following significant variances are projected.

### Leader / Deputy Leader (£210,000 non-salaries underspend)

- £156,500 additional income from the Council Tax Sharing Agreement with preceptors is anticipated due to improved collection compared to the budgeted position.
- £85,000 additional income from interest on investments is forecast due to increasing interest rates.
- There is a £19,900 estimated reduction in income recoverable from court proceedings relating to Council Tax.
- There are £14,400 additional costs expected on bank charges/credit/debit card charges.
- Other smaller variances across the portfolio resulting in a £2,600 underspend

## Housing, Assets & Leisure (£135,000 non-salaries overspend)

- There is an expected £149,100 pressure due to the planned re-opening of Freight House and the Mill Arts & Events Centre, as agreed by the Executive in July 2022.
- There is a £4,150 saving on PPE due to less demand, plus a surplus of stock from the last financial year.
- Various other smaller savings across the portfolio totalling £9,500

## Strategic Planning (£84,000 non-salaries overspend)

- Planning income is forecast to under-achieve against budget by £51,500.
- Pre-application advice income is expected to under-achieve by £29,200; this is due to this being a demand led service.
- Building control income is forecast to over-achieve by £7,900.
- There is expected to be £18,300 reduced income on Permits/Season Tickets and £10,400 reduced income from Penalty Charge Notices. This is partially offset by surplus income of £8,200 for use of commercial spaces.
- There is a £10,800 saving on maintenance of car park ticket machines, due to the purchase of new machines which have lower maintenance costs.
- Various small costs across the portfolio totalling £1,700

### **Environment (£102,000 non-salaries underspend)**

- Street Cleansing and Waste Collection budgets are estimated to be £16,200 overspent based on additional costs already incurred to date this year under the previous contract arrangements. There is likely to be a further pressure on these budgets due to the high levels of inflation during 2022/23; these will be managed jointly with Rochford Norse Plc under the new arrangements in place from July 2022; but the total projected costs for this financial year are yet to be confirmed.
- There will be a £30,000 pressure due to the end of the Avoidable Disposal Income agreement.
- Materials Recycling Facility costs are expected to be £150,000 lower than budgeted due to the decreased cost per tonne of processing recyclates, which is driven by the market.
- Parks and Open Spaces overall income is expected to under achieve by £1,400.

## Customer Services, Legal & IT (£67,000 non-salaries underspend)

- There is a £7,500 anticipated saving on the IT consultancy budget.
- £55,000 saving on communications budgets
- Income from local land charge search is expected to under-achieve by £10,900 due to decreased demand; this is partly offset by reduced expenditure on search fees by £6,000. Savings on elections of £4,500, mostly due to reduced printing and postage costs.
- Various other smaller projected savings across the portfolio totalling £4,400.

## Communities & Health (£7,000 non-salaries underspend)

- There is projected to be £9,200 additional income from Old House weddings, partially offset by a reduction in Windmill weddings of £6,400.
- Various small savings are projected across the portfolio totalling £4,000.

### 4 CAPITAL PROGRAMME

- 4.1 The original Capital Programme for 2022/23 was £5.659m; in addition as part of the closedown of the 2021/22 financial year £0.509m of carry forwards were agreed, £0.100 was agreed for waste contract mobilisation costs and £0.070m match funding for play spaces is anticipated to be received, creating a revised budget of £6.343m.
- 4.2 The forecast outturn on the Council's Capital Programme as at Quarter 1 is £4.248m. The table at Appendix 3 summarises the projected position by service area.
- 4.3 The major item with slippage against the revised 2022/23 budget is the Asset Delivery Programme (ADP) which will be subject to further review following the Executive decision to remove the Mill Site from the programme in July.
- 4.4 The Disabled Facilities Grant budget is demand-led and the forecast has been based on the Q1 spend profile remaining constant over the remainder of the year; this may be subject to change.
- 4.5 A budget of £20,000 was agreed in 2022/23 to allow for any responsive works required in the Council Offices, of which £16,400 remains uncommitted at Q1.

### 5 RISK IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The current national political uncertainty presents a challenge to local government, as the strategic outlook for local government will depend to some extent on the election of a new Prime Minister, and associated Cabinet reshuffle. The Council is not currently anticipating that there is likely to be any

- significant additional ongoing resources for local authorities in future years, so it will need to take difficult decisions to ensure its financial sustainability in the medium term.
- 5.2 Current inflationary pressures are likely to compound this situation by driving up wage growth and contract prices into next year. Inflation is forecast to continue to rise to 18% by January 2023, so this will have to be closely monitored as the budget for 2023/24 is finalised.
- 5.3 The residual impact of COVID-19 on future years' budgets will also be considered carefully as part of the Council's MTFS process.
- 5.4 Although the #OneTeam Transformation Programme with Brentwood Borough Council is intended to drive out joint ongoing staffing savings over the next 2 years there is a likelihood that one-off costs of redundancy and interim support may erode some of these benefits over the shorter term.
- 5.5 Delays in completing the items on the Capital Programme could prevent the Council from achieving its strategic objectives and lead to adverse publicity.

I confirm that the above recommendation does not depart from Council policy and that appropriate consideration has been given to any budgetary and legal implications.

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## **Background Papers:-**

None.

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## **APPENDIX 1: YEAR TO DATE RESERVE DRAWDOWNS 2022/23**

Description	Amount	Reason	Authorisation
Leader/ Deputy Leader			
CT New Burdens	11.527	Total mobile training, Capita Software costs, Rebate policy	Section 151 Officer
Connect Project		Connect Training	Board Committee
ND New Burdens	1,550	Capita softare cost for Lavatory Relief	Section 151 Officer
CT New Burdens		EROG 22/23	Section 151 Officer
HB New Burdens	5,638	LADS IT costs	Section 151 Officer
CT New Burdens		£150 CT rebate leaflet included with bills	Section 151 Officer
Infrastructure	140,793	Asset Delivery Programme	Section 151 Officer
Invest to Save		Connect - Invest to Save	Section 151 Officer
Investment Fund		BBC Partnership Transformation Programme	Board Committee
Transformation		Collaborative Costs	Section 151 Officer
Connect Project	15,793	Connect SM Training	Board Committee
Connect Project		Connect Project	Board Committee
CT New Burdens		extra cost of annual billing	Section 151 Officer
CT New Burdens		final cost of recovery temp in 22/23	Section 151 Officer
Housing, Assets & Leisure			
R&M Reserve	2.475	Cleaning of the Civic Suite	Section 151 Officer
Wild Woods Day		Wild Woods Day Event	Section 151 Officer
Leisure Smoothing Reserve		Leisure Contract Costs	Section 151 Officer
Active Rochford Reserve		Wild Woods Day Event	Sports Development Officer
Strategic Planning	_,	1	
Legal Reserve	1,355	Dangerous Structures consultants	Section 151 Officer
Planning Reserve		Digital Project, Consultancy Work & Feasibility Study	Section 151 Officer
Planning Reserve		Feasilbility Study	The Executive
Planning Reserve		Capita planning app checking / validation / Agency worker	Leader
Legal Reserve		Bloor homes public enquiry	Section 151 Officer
LDF Reserve		Local Development Plan	Section 151 Officer
Legal Reserve		Publicity Advert	Section 151 Officer
R&M Reserve		Off Street Parking ETM - hire of CEO Vehicle	Section 151 Officer
Environment	-,		
Agency/ Salaries Reserve	20.160	Parks and Open Spaces Agency	Marcus Hotten
R&M Reserve		Cemeteries	Section 151 Officer
Contractor Provision		Waste and Street scene contract - Norse	Section 151 Officer
Customer Services, IT & Legal			
Covid Smoothing Reserve	12.000	To cover Member meetings now held at Sweyne Park School	Section 151 Officer
Members ETM		Purchase of items for formal meetings 22~23	Section 151 Officer
IT Reserve		Mobile phone additional costs	Section 151 Officer
Agency/ Salaries Reserve		Communications Agency Staff	Leader
Communities & Health		1 07	
Agency/ Salaries Reserve	5.000	Licensing Agency Costs	Section 151 Officer/ Louisa Moss
Platinum Jubilee Purse		Money for Platinum Jubilee Purse	Section 151 Officer
Crime and Disorder Reserve		Purchase of items for Community Safety	Louisa Moss
Agency/ Salaries Reserve		Env Health Agency Costs	Section 151 Officer
Total	1,678,623		500001 252 0111001

# APPENDIX 2: FORECAST YEAR-END POSITION FOR 2022/23 AS AT END OF JUNE 2022 PORTFOLIO HOLDER: LEADER/DEPUTY LEADER, CLLR S E WOOTTON & CLLR C E ROE

Service Area	Lead Officer	2022/23 Original Budget	2022/23 Latest budget	Quarter 1 Actual YTD	End of Year Forecast	Actual Variance (surplus) / Deficit)
Housing Benefit Administration	N Lucas	279,723	277,261	88,348	290,796	13,535
Audit	N Lucas	128,900	127,000	15,086	112,843	(14,157)
Financial Services	N Lucas	403,050	396,050	96,320	393,295	(2,755)
Human Resources	A Hutchings	197,450	194,750	42,986	192,178	(2,572)
Corporate Management	A Hutchings	209,743	209,743	(68,977)	224,104	14,361
Assistant Directors	A Hutchings	668,188	656,088	146,771	734,534	78,446
Strategic Director	A Hutchings	139,150	136,550	32,708	162,996	26,446
Managing Director	A Hutchings	105,850	105,850	0	105,850	0
Non Distributed Costs	N Lucas	779,600	779,600	403,327	692,948	(86,652)
Projects	N Lucas	0	887,902	(7,940)	887,902	0
Council Tax	N Lucas	(35,416)	(24,964)	(97,249)	(153,390)	(128,427)
Business Rates	N Lucas	(71,808)	(69,730)	(106,640)	(70,453)	(723)
Procurement	A Law	73,400	72,500	9,398	62,640	(9,860)
Overview	A Law	0	0	0	0	0
Risk & Performance Management	N Lucas	0	0	0	0	0
Leadership Support Team	A Law	90,800	88,900	21,763	85,313	(3,587)
Other Operating Inc & Exp	N Lucas					
	TOTAL	2,968,630	3,837,500	575,902	3,721,554	(115,946)

# PORTFOLIO HOLDER: CLIMATE & ECONOMY CLLR D L BELTON

Service Area	Lead Officer	2022/23 Original Budget	2022/23 Latest budget	Quarter 1 Actual YTD	End of Year Forecast	Actual Variance (surplus) / Deficit)
Eco Dev	M Hotten	82,220	81,120	15,574	81,516	396
	TOTAL	82,220	81,120	15,574	81,516	396

# PORTFOLIO HOLDER: HOUSING, ASSETS & LEISURE, CLLR M J WEBB

Service Area	Lead Officer	2022/23 Original Budget	2022/23 Latest budget	Quarter 1 Actual YTD	End of Year Forecast	Actual Variance (surplus) / Deficit)
Housing Strategy	L Moss	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0
Private Sector Housing Renewal	L Moss	69,470	68,370	13,650	69,402	1,032
Homelessness	L Moss	855,844	849,544	(157,576)	847,743	(1,801)
Office Accommodation Rayleigh	M Harwood – White	75,600	77,675	39,585	79,105	1,430
Office Accommodation Rochford	M Harwood – White	268,750	268,050	90,957	267,785	(265)
Estate Management Services	M Harwood – White	220,400	215,900	38,134	193,461	(22,439)
Sports Development & Promotion	M Harwood – White	53,500	52,400	119	52,447	47
Leisure Premises	M Harwood – White	160,800	286,611	(52,150)	434,929	148,318
Leisure Client Account	M Harwood – White	64,000	70,128	20,000	68,976	(1,152)
Health & Safety	M Harwood – White	54,900	54,300	10,976	45,303	(8,997)
	TOTAL	1,833,264	1,952,978	3,695	2,069,152	116,173

# PORTFOLIO HOLDER: STRATEGIC PLANNING, CLLR I H WARD

Service Area	Lead Officer	2022/23 Original Budget	2022/23 Latest budget	Quarter 1 Actual YTD	End of Year Forecast	Actual Variance (surplus) / Deficit)
Highways/ Roads Routine	M Hotten	(14,400)	(15,700)	45,406	(15,432)	268
Off St Parking	M Harwood – White	(771,750)	(768,690)	(22,983)	(758,777)	9,913
Development Management	M Hotten	158,300	248,796	79,542	319,793	70,997
Building Control Client Account	M Hotten	238,650	236,005	57,937	234,456	(1,549)
Building Control Fee Account	M Hotten	(225,000)	(225,000)	(70,214)	(231,556)	(6,556)
Planning Policy & Eco Dev	M Hotten	172,380	204,585	47,173	192,732	(11,853)
	TOTAL	(441,820)	(320,004)	136,861	(258,784)	61,221

# PORTFOLIO HOLDER: ENVIRONMENT, CLLR D J SPERRING

Service Area	Lead Officer	2022/23 Original Budget	2022/23 Latest budget	Quarter 1 Actual YTD	End of Year Forecast	Actual Variance (surplus) / Deficit)
Cemeteries & Churchyards	M Hotten	(142,200)	(134,340)	(53,449)	(134,071)	269
Street Cleansing	M Hotten	738,600	235,285	23,212	263,673	28,388
Public Conveniences	M Hotten	34,000	34,000	3,050	34,000	0
Coast Protection	M Hotten	2,300	2,300	0	2,300	0
Depot	M Hotten	35,150	35,150	33,805	39,183	4,033
Recycling Collection	M Hotten	2,532,640	3,373,155	165,001	3,361,526	(11,629)
Recycling Disposal	M Hotten	(731,500)	(731,500)	220,777	(851,500)	(120,000)
Parks & Open Spaces	M Hotten	661,750	672,110	98,166	631,257	(40,853)
_	TOTAL	3,130,740	3,486,160	490,562	3,346,367	(139,793)

# PORTFOLIO HOLDER: CUSTOMER SERVICES, LEGAL & IT, CLLR D S EFDE

Service Area	Lead Officer	2022/23 Original Budget	2022/23 Latest budget	Quarter 1 Actual YTD	End of Year Forecast	Actual Variance (surplus) / Deficit)
Reception	D Tribe	0	0	(340)	0	0
Digital Services	D Tribe	163,400	160,000	39,493	159,918	(82)
Support Services	D Tribe	128,350	127,050	37,758	121,539	(5,511)
Computer Services	D Tribe	1,112,150	1,115,950	483,738	1,088,683	(27,267)
Legal Services	A Law	111,200	110,200	1,589	112,789	2,589
Communications	D Tribe	145,150	162,168	16,285	83,255	(78,913)
Customer Services	D Tribe	436,000	427,200	86,955	394,998	(32,202)
Member & Committee Services	A Law	457,300	469,100	111,863	461,684	(7,416)
Civics	A Law	70,400	76,800	21,176	67,145	(9,655)
Conducting Elections	A Law	149,700	148,350	60,306	150,201	(1.700)
Registration of Electors	A Law	88,800	87,450	16,831	83,801	(1,799)
Local Land Charges	D Tribe	(140,000)	(140,000)	(40,857)	(135,096)	4,904
Information	A Law	27,200	26,700	6,643	26,743	43
	TOTAL	2,749,650	2,770,968	841,439	2,615,660	(155,308)

# PORTFOLIO HOLDER: COMMUNITIES & HEALTH, CLLR A L WILLIAMS

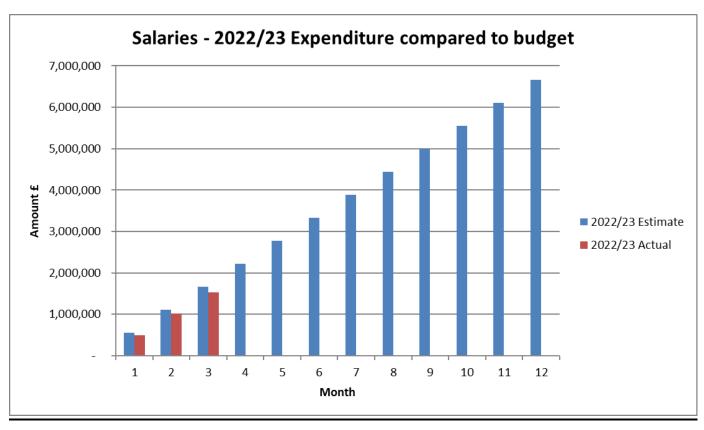
Service Area	Lead Officer	2022/23 Original Budget	2022/23 Latest budget	Quarter 1 Actual YTD	End of Year Forecast	Actual Variance (surplus) / Deficit)
Corporate Policy & Partnership	L Moss	157,800	179,250	86,818	171,008	(8,242)
Community Safety	L Moss	28,200	28,201	(5,723)	28,190	(11)
Licensing	L Moss	45,500	48,500	3,816	47,915	(585)
Public Health	M Hotten	20,100	20,100	2,950	20,100	0
Environmental Health	L Moss	330,800	365,299	71,656	337,769	(27,530)
Hackney Carriage	L Moss	(89,900)	(89,900)	(18,175)	(90,900)	(1,000)
Culture & Heritage – Windmill	M Harwood – White	(13,950)	(13,950)	(25,368)	(16,801)	(2,851)
Safeguarding	L Moss	14,100	13,800	3,379	13,374	(426)
Emergency Planning	M Harwood – White	50,250	49,750	11,388	49,377	(373)
	TOTAL	542,900	601,050	130,741	560,032	(41,018)

## **APPENDIX 3: QUARTER 1 2022/23 PROJECTED CAPITAL OUTTURN POSITION**

APPENDIX 3. QUANTER			// ti		2022/22			
Item	Commentary	2022/23 ORIGINAL BUDGET	2022/23 REVISED BUDGET	2022/23 TOTAL SPENT AND COMMITTED TO DATE	2022/23 PROJECTION FOR REMAINDER OF YEAR	FULL YEAR FORECAST SPEND	PROJECTED VARIANCE UNDERSPEND/ (OVERSPEND)	
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Housing, Assets & Leisure								
Asset Strategy	Works as per Asset Strategy FBC financials	1,774,631	1,774,631	0	-	-	1,774,631	
Rochford Accommodation works	Works identified from surveys and inspections		10,628	8,827	-	8,827	1,801	
Rayleigh Accommodation works	Works identified from surveys and inspections		600	448	-	448	152	
Rayleigh Grange Community Centre	Reinstatement Works to include Underpinning of subsidence		97,852	0	97,800	97,800	52	
Responsive Capital works	Capital works to ensure Heath and Safety and Security.	20,000	16,400	0	-	-	16,400	
Disabled Facilities Grant	To fund aids and adapations	540,059	540,059	129,384	368,367	497,751	42,308	
Private Housing Renewal Programme	To fund aids and adapations	20,000	20,000	0	-	-	20,000	
TOTAL		2,354,690	2,460,170	138,659	466,167	604,826	1,855,344	
Climate & Economy								
Town Centre Regeneration Fund	To support town centre investment		50,000	0	-	-	50,000	
TOTAL	IIIVestillerit	_	50,000	_	-	-	50,000	
Strategic Planning								
Street Lighting	Energy Efficient Lighting	20,000	20,000	(296)	20,000	19,704	296	
Car Parks	Car Park priority resurfacing programme	115,000	156,929	45,166	111,800	156,966	(37)	
TOTAL		135,000	176,929	44,870	131,800	176,670	259	
Environment								
Play Spaces	Agreed Programme of Play Equipment	300,000	370,000	69,831	300,000	369,831	169	
Open Spaces	Replacement of fences/Gates/litter bins/other furniture	80,000	89,480	17,230	67,600	84,830	4,650	
Grounds Maintenance	Work Yard fencing, services, portacabin	54,000	80,000	О	80,000	80,000	0	
Pavilions	Essential works following condition survey	80,000	66,303	23,279	42,000	65,279	1,024	
Waste Bins	Replacement of household bins	70,000	70,000	45,034	24,966	70,000	O	
Waste Vehicle Fleet	New waste vehicles - 10 x 26t and 1 x 18t	2,250,640	2,250,640	2,151,990	-	2,151,990	98,650	
Waste Contract Mobilisation Costs	Per Council Report		100,000	О	110,000	110,000	(10,000)	
Plant Fleet	Plant Fleet	134,000	134,000	21,941	112,059	134,000	(0)	
Vehicle Fleet	Replacement of vehicles	80,000	120,362	58,082	62,280	120,362	(0)	
Cemeteries Groundworks	Installation of Headstone Beams	40,000	55,605	26,115	27,000	53,115	2,490	
Public Conveniences Refurbishment			О	3,830	-	3,830	(3,830)	
TOTAL		3,088,640	3,336,390	2,417,332	825,905	3,243,237	93,153	
Customer Services, Legal & IT								
Mobile Working	New Devices Refresh	50,000	59,000	21,168	35,832	57,000	2,000	
Hybrid Working	Upgrades to meeting rooms	11,000	11,000	0	-	-	11,000	
Telephony Network	New Phone Kit/skype		25,000	2,280	-	2,280	22,720	
Flat Bed Scanners and MFDs	Scanners for Support Services/Reception		50,919	0	50,919	50,919	o	
IT Infrastructure works	Various		0	0	-	-	0	
ICT Cloud Costs	Migration Carry Forwards		8,533	5,549	-	5,549	2,984	
TOTAL		61,000	154,452	28,997	86,751	115,748	38,704	
Communities & Health		. ,.,-		-,		-, -		
Windmill works	Works identified from surveys and inspections	20,000	29,500	12,177	17,200	29,377	123	
Air Quality Grant Expenditure	and inspections	0	35,523	25,860	_	25,860	9,663	
Community Safety Fund	To fund investment in works that aid Community Safety across the district	0	100,000	23,860	52,500	52,500	47,500	
	GOLOGO THE GISTRICT		165,023		69,700	107,738	57,285	
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## **APPENDIX 4: KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS**

## **Salaries**

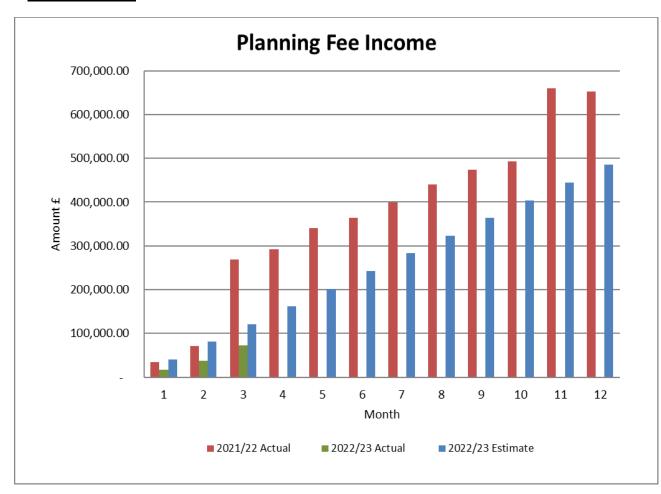


## **Commentary**

The original budget for salaries was set at £6.85m, less an estimated vacancy factor of £200,000. At Q1 there is a projected underspend of c.£108,800 at year end, giving rise to a £91,200 adverse variance.

<sup>\*</sup> For the purpose of this report the 2% budgeted Cost of Living increase has been removed, as the final pay award has not been confirmed. This will be updated later in the year once the Cost-of-Living increase has been approved.

## **Planning Fees**

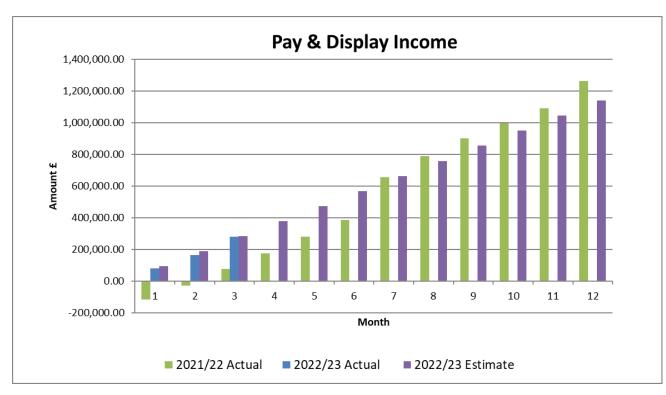


## **Commentary**

The original budget for planning fee income was £485,000. This was based on officer assumptions on Planning Applications for 2022/23.

At this stage, the year-to-date position is £69,700 which is an adverse variance against the year-to-date budget of c£51,500.

## **Parking Fees**

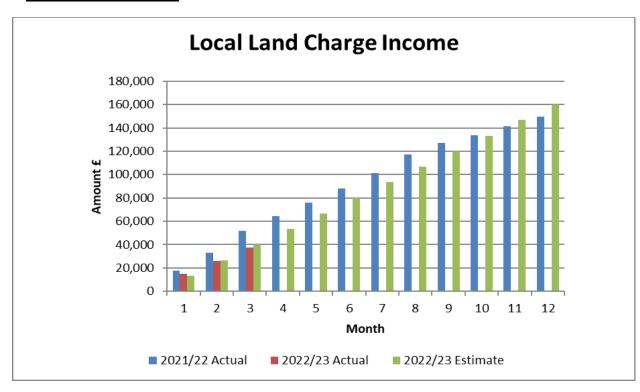


## **Commentary**

Income to date is £278,400 against a year-to-date target of £284,525.

The full year budget for 2022/23 is £1,138,100. Income for the year is anticipated to achieve budget.

## **Local Land Charges**

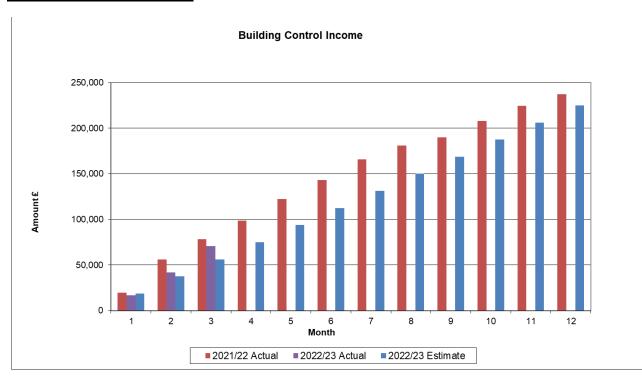


## **Commentary**

Income to date is £37,450 against a year-to-date target of £40,000. This is a decrease compared to the same position last year, where income was £51,989 as at Q1.

The full year budget for 2022/23 is £160,000. Based on income to date, total income for the year is forecast to be c£149,000.

## **Building Control Income**

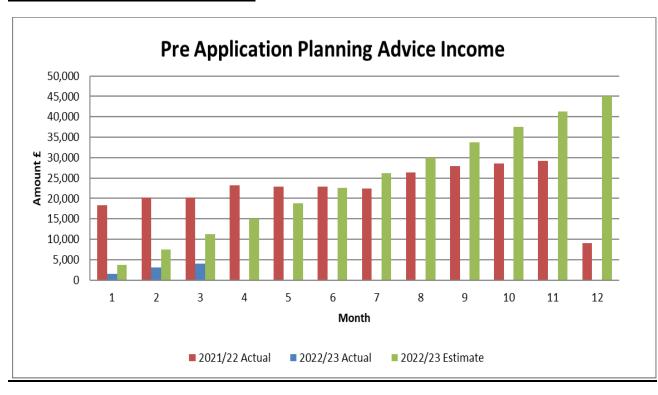


## **Commentary**

Income to date is £70,600 against a year-to-date target of £56,250.

The full year budget for 2022/23 is £225,000. Current assumptions are that income from building control will be c£232,000 for the year if current run-rates continue.

## **Pre-Planning Application Advice**



## **Commentary**

The original budget for 2022/23 was set at £45,000. This was based on officer assumptions on the take up of this service.

Income to date is £4,000 against a year-to-date target of £11,250.

# Car Park Income Breakdown\*

Car Park	Financial Year	Income Received Q1	Income Received Q2	Income Received Q3	Income Received Q4
		£	£	£	£
Webster's	2021/22	96,841	112,935	119,145	159,814
Way	2022/23	121,458			
Mill Hall	2021/22	0	0	0	0
Willi Hall	2022/23	3,618			
Bellingham	2021/22	33,151	39,660	39,621	38,261
Lane	2022/23	26,372			
Castle Road	2021/22	44,385	54,780	60,676	56,064
Castle Rodu	2022/23	45,627			
Market Car	2021/22	14,873	18,321	19,534	17,200
Park	2022/23	19,787			
The	2021/22	16,462	21,386	23,580	23,207
Approach	2022/23	6,062			
Southend	2021/22	9,739	12,088	11,737	10,833
Road	2022/23	15,151			
Hockley	2021/22	5,403	6,848	5,559	5,833
Woods	2022/23	3,143			
Back Lane	2021/22	31,189	36,977	44,413	38,344
Back Larie	2022/23	30,907			
Freight	2021/22	4,366	5,653	5,788	5,982
House	2022/23	3,064			
Old Ship	2021/22	1,856	2,290	2,499	7,941
Lane	2022/23	2,065			
Cherry	2021/22	0	0	0	0
Orchard	2022/23	1,166			
Total	2021/22	258,266	310,937	332,551	363,480
i otai	2022/23	278,421			

\*Note – The Mill Hall and Bellingham Lane car parks are shown separately in 2022/23. In 2021/22 the Mill Hall income was included within the Bellingham Lane total; therefore is shown as zero